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Seshamma Charlu Esqre. B.A.B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

I have submitting herewith the 7 annual Report of the Srinivasa Mandiram & Charities for the Year 1893-94, I beg to invite your kind attention to the special features of the Mandiram (Temple) work and, hope you will see reasons therein, to appreciate the practical work accomplished in the direction of giving due preference to a system of reformed & improvement of the temple worship, as aimed at by you in your new scheme. It is always not a very pleasant task for one to speak of himself and of his work, and to say that it is good and deserves further agreement, but in the present case of the Srinivasa Mandiram I cannot help, but say, that the temple is one that should be singled out from the generality of the temples in the Province, and especially from such temples as enjoy large grants from the Treasury funds. The Mandiram (Temple), not only admits Divine Worship in its pure and simple glory as sanctioned by prescribed forms and rituals, but it endeavours to keep pace with the times with respect to the views now entertained about Religion, Faith, and Holiness, &c.

Though, I have been working with the object for the last 13 years, & though the Mandiram (Temple), is an Emergency Institution, still it is a singular fact to be very much regretted, that the Emergency and therefore transitory nature

pleased to bestow at any time a single kind thought, to recommend the Kandrian (Temple) cause to the favourable consideration of the Government the Hungry Department, for a better recognition and for a suitable Pasdick or grant, deserving the work and the Institution. It is now the same Temple of 1831 (when though Dewan Purnaiyas annual allowance was 12 Pagodas but still, no body knows, why it was reduced to 6 Pagodas), now in this year of 1894. During this long period between 1831 & 1894, (deducting the 13 years of my connection) I cannot say that all thanes spent and how time worked either the ruin or the prosperity of the Kandrian (Temple) I can only say this much; That in the last 13 years, the best part of my life has been devoted to the Kandrian work and thousands of Rupee have been spent, and the building itself with all its additions, which constructed afresh from the very foundations. Not only this much, but to day the Institution is one of the foremost of its kind in the Province, and is the only one which renders Spiritual & physical relief to the rich and the poor alike. The whole Institution has been remodelled and worked to the satisfaction of one and all; and still, it is very unfortunate to see, that the Temple has not yet met with any support from the Government.

The Temple really occupies the position of morality, training the people in

general and its devotees in particular, in the knowledge of God and in the noble principles of Faith and Love in Him I thought, the Brahmo Samaj is a kindred institution, still the sermons preached there, about the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and other kindred subjects are often found instructive and soothing; but the Samaj hinders or otherwise I have been soliciting the Government from time to time and from year to year, for some sort of substantial help in aid of the temple work, but it is to be regretted, that although years have passed that nothing has been done as yet. I may here be permitted to respectfully point out that if a few temples (in certain centres) can be established after the lines, the Brahmo has adopted, I feel sure, their moral influence will work such wholesome leaven among the people and the masses that crime will be very much minimised and the Magistrates will have very little work to do, with the criminals and their evil doings. It is in my experience and has come to my personal notice, that many a bad character has become altogether transformed by a regular attendance to the Brahmo preaching. The Sermons delivered, at the Brahmo Samaj, have often created in the Congregation a Godly sensation

In the case of a certain temple

at Narahally, Kankanhally, Taluk, Bangalore District, (the Annachelleswara Swamy temple) the Govt in making a cash allowance of Rs. 84/- per annum, observes in its proceedings No 26-8. Mug. 93.94 Dated 16th July 1894 that the case should be treated as an exceptional one, and that the Government for obvious reasons, care not to go into its previous history, but look only to its present position. Such is the case with the Annachelleswara Swamy temple in Narahally Kankanhally, Taluk, Bangalore District, I cannot say why Srinivasa Kandriam (temple) with so many strong supports as above narrated, situated as it is, in the City of Bangalore, the real capital of the Province, should fail to court the patronage of the Government in the Inam Department, as an exceptional one. I also beg to invite your kind attention to the difficulties I am confronted with, in the matter of the Orphanage, and in the matter of feeding its inmates, the present grant being very moderate indeed. The want of an increase under this head, is very much felt.

Under these circumstances, I beg you will be generously pleased to recommend this my humble application, (as you are conversant personally

with the actual working of the Mandr
ram) to His Excellency the Diwan Baha
dur, supplementing my prayer with
your strong support, so that he may
be pleased graciously to sanction a
suitable allowance for the upkeep of
the Srinivasa Mandiram (Temple) and
its Orphanage.

In conclusion, allow me to
hope that you would kindly favour
me with this Institution in, by, serving
its best interests,

I beg leave to remain,
Sir
Your most obed.t. Servant,
A. J. Macgregor

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Offl. Memo

In reply to his petition dated 12th Augt. 1894, Mr. A. Gopalachariu, manager, Srinivas Mandiram and Charities, Bangalore, is informed that it was already communicated to him in Govt. Pro: No. 519-20 / Mun: 38-93 dated 18th Novr. 93 that no increase of Saddik could be granted to the Mandiram and that a grant-in-aid of Rs. 25/ per mensem was sanctioned in the Pro cited above

+ the support of the
pharmacy attached
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Govt to give that
thing further that
it be done in
matter.

By Order

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Secretary.
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P. Gopalachariar
manager
Terminal Handloom
and Charities
Bangalore